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Remarks regarding Information Disclosure Statements

The IDS filed 1-27-05 and the IDS filed 3-23-05 have been considered.

The references US 5214098, Europe 1061402 and Europe 370445 (which have already been considered) have been crossed off the PTO 1449 filed 1-27-05 since they are listed on the PTO 1449 filed 12-21-04.

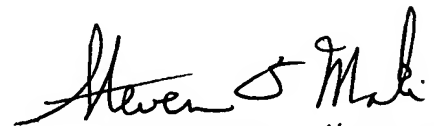
Claims 3, 4 and 6-14 are allowable over the prior art of record, including the newly cited art in the IDS filed 1-27-05 and the IDS filed 3-23-05, for the same reasons given in paragraph 2 on pages 2-4 of the Notice of Allowability mailed 1-24-05.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven D. Maki whose telephone number is (571) 272-1221. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Blaine Copenheaver can be reached on (571) 272-1156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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